

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1-123. (canceled)

<sup>1</sup>  
~~124.~~ (currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising:

(a) ~~a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:194 (SEQ ID NO:194);~~

(b) ~~a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:194 (SEQ ID NO:194), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

(e)(a) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 193;

(d)(b) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:193;

or

(e)(c) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209977.

125-128. (canceled)

<sup>2</sup>  
~~129.~~ (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim ~~124~~<sup>1</sup> comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:193.

<sup>3</sup>  
~~130.~~ (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim ~~124~~<sup>1</sup> comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:193.

<sup>4</sup>  
~~131.~~ (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim ~~124~~<sup>1</sup> comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209977.

132-134. (canceled)

<sup>5</sup>  
~~135.~~ (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim ~~124~~<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>6</sup>  
~~136.~~ (previously presented) The vector of Claim ~~135~~<sup>5</sup>, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.

<sup>7</sup>  
~~137~~. (previously presented) A host cell comprising the vector of Claim ~~135~~<sup>5</sup>.

<sup>8</sup>  
~~138~~. (previously presented) The host cell of Claim ~~137~~<sup>7</sup>, wherein said cell is a CHO cell, an *E. coli* or a yeast cell.

<sup>9</sup>  
~~139~~. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a fragment of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 193, or a complement thereof, of at least 20 nucleotides in length that hybridizes under stringent conditions to:

- (a) the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:193 or a complement thereof;
  - (b) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 209977 or a complement thereof;
- wherein, said stringent conditions use 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5X Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 µg/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, and washes at 42°C in 0.2X SSC, at 55°C in 50% formamide followed by a high-stringency wash at 55°C in 0.1X SSC, EDTA; wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule is suitable for use as a PCR primer or probe.

<sup>10</sup>  
~~140~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim ~~139~~<sup>9</sup> that is at least 50 nucleotides or above in length.

<sup>11</sup>  
~~141~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim ~~139~~<sup>9</sup> that is at least 60 nucleotides or above in length.

<sup>12</sup>  
~~142~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim ~~139~~<sup>9</sup> that is at least 70 nucleotides or above in length.

<sup>13</sup>  
~~143~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim ~~139~~<sup>9</sup> that is at least 80 nucleotides or above in length.

<sup>14</sup>  
~~144~~. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim ~~139~~<sup>9</sup> that is at least 90 nucleotides or above in length.

145. (previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 13<sup>9</sup>/~~9~~ that is at least 100 nucleotides or above in length.